


REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 13, 2004 raises a requirement to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims 96-113 shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants provisionally elect to pursue claims 96-113 and species (I) of Figures 3-13, with traverse.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants maintain entitlement to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in independent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

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